Expedited Procedure Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0026] Fig. 2 shows the intermediate frame 8, which includes a rear segment

8a, a right side segment 8b, a left side segment 8c, and a partly covered front segment 8d. The

intermediate frame 8 is guided by means of three translation guide elements 9, two of which

are visible in Fig. 2, so that it can move in the vertical direction relative to the vehicle frame

1. Each guide element 9 can include a U-shaped profile that is firmly connected with the

vehicle frame 1 and at least one guide roller schematically shown at R that is guided in it and

mounted on the intermediate frame 8. Impacts that act on the vehicle frame in the direction of

the movement allowed by the guide elements 9 are attenuated or damped by means of two

suspension elements 10 that can be realized in the form of metal coil springs and by means of

a damping element 11 that can be realized in the form of a hydraulic shock absorber. The

suspension elements 10 are supported with their upper end on components 8e that belong to

the intermediate frame 8 and with their lower end on the vehicle frame 1. The damping

element 11 is mounted on the piston-rod side on the front segment 8d of the intermediate

frame 8 and on the cylinder-tube side on the vehicle frame 1.--